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Since 1943 the President of the United States has proclaimed March as Red Cross Month, which is a month-long observance recognizing the humanitarian and volunteer spirit of the Red Cross, and calling upon Americans to make a donation, volunteer, take a class, or give blood.

In 2013, the Red Cross Los Angeles Region provided disaster relief assistance to 774 families and supported 2,226 clients by providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities. It also trained nearly 170,849 individuals locally in CPR/First Aid, and provided 400,000 lifesaving blood products for patients in need.

The Red Cross uses this opportunity to education communities about the services provided locally and throughout the world, and encourages individuals, families and businesses to prepare themselves for disasters by getting an emergency kit, making a plan, and being informed through preparedness education classes.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaims March 2014, as “Red Cross Month” throughout Los Angeles County, and encourages all citizens to show their support to the American Red Cross by volunteering their time, making a donation, taking a class, or giving blood.

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